



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 12, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.8 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 12, 2020, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through December 12, 2020 for the United States were 9.23 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	November 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,702	32,740	33,054	32,296	32,647	32,864
Arkansas	24,120	23,661	24,051	24,133	24,150	23,739
Delaware	4,762	4,669	4,669	4,546	4,546	4,669
Florida	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,212	1,209	1,209
Georgia	32,588	34,020	34,443	34,159	32,149	34,548
Kentucky	6,854	7,808	7,798	7,800	7,083	7,794
Louisiana	3,138	3,304	3,364	3,319	3,122	3,485
Maryland	7,605	7,409	7,636	7,638	7,544	7,631
Mississippi	17,180	17,513	17,784	17,149	17,330	17,701
Missouri	8,345	9,215	9,199	9,168	9,125	9,183
North Carolina	23,577	24,432	24,560	23,397	23,907	24,280
Oklahoma	6,600	6,923	7,083	6,949	6,507	6,878
Pennsylvania	6,322	6,295	6,293	6,292	6,290	6,319
South Carolina	5,640	5,765	5,449	5,631	5,580	5,573
Texas	16,476	17,733	18,235	18,238	17,493	18,343
Virginia	5,951	6,445	6,460	6,567	6,136	6,535
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,910	12,944	13,299	13,110	11,328	12,642
Other States	11,185	12,636	11,834	11,717	11,237	11,929
United States	224,164	234,721	236,420	233,321	227,383	235,322
Percent of previous year	98	99	100	98	97	99

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	November 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	November 21, 2020	November 28, 2020	December 5, 2020	December 12, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,102	23,484	21,491	22,469	23,719	24,086
Arkansas	17,306	19,547	20,586	21,617	21,058	21,867
Delaware	3,844	4,771	4,333	4,501	4,889	4,579
Florida	1,340	1,341	1,339	1,335	1,328	1,258
Georgia	25,580	26,258	24,356	25,140	26,236	26,881
Kentucky	4,909	6,267	6,190	6,013	6,262	6,442
Louisiana	2,496	2,956	2,892	2,696	2,907	2,941
Maryland	5,323	5,118	6,268	5,348	5,718	5,489
Mississippi	13,278	14,249	13,885	14,693	14,829	14,848
Missouri	5,345	6,091	5,750	5,295	6,074	5,686
North Carolina	18,474	19,811	19,599	19,548	20,055	19,840
Oklahoma	5,588	3,625	3,264	4,261	4,402	4,299
Pennsylvania	4,775	4,597	4,712	4,777	4,768	4,768
South Carolina	4,584	4,672	4,738	4,633	5,480	4,754
Texas	13,443	13,684	14,793	13,656	14,373	14,698
Virginia	6,286	5,594	4,301	5,625	5,027	6,125
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,152	10,667	10,190	10,214	11,320	11,113
Other States	9,243	7,465	7,543	8,535	9,490	9,139
United States	175,068	180,197	176,230	180,356	187,935	188,813
Percent of previous year	97	98	98	98	99	100

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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